Corruption cases against Chief Engineer of AIR

2441. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of corruption cases have been registered by the Department against Chief Engineer level-II of Civil Construction Wing, All India Radio;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to divest the officer of sensitive charge and financial powers as per guidelines of Central Vigilance Commission; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) Chief Engineer level-II of CCW, AIR is facing disciplinary proceedings for failure to maintain integrity, gross misconduct in two cases.

(c) and (d) There is only one post of Chief Engineer (Level-II) in CCW of Prasar Bharati, it is for Prasar Bharati to make appropriate administrative arrangements keeping in view the circumstances.

Incentives for talented producers and executives in AIR/DD

2442. SHRI KARTAR SINGH DUGGAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Prasar Bharati have provision for special incentives for producers and executives in AIR and Doordarshan who are talented creative writers etc.; and

(b) how much of such talent trained at the expense of Government in India and abroad has strayed to private sector in the last five years?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Some of the Programme Executives/Producers have retired voluntarily citing domestic ground and hence no such information regarding number of officers who have strayed to private sector is available with the Government.

DD'S Laxity and Callousness in Reporting Earthquake Tragedy

2443. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that through the devastating earthquake in Gujarat took place before 9 A.M. on the Republic Day, Doordarshan news pursuing their normal schedule reported the incident at noon while the other private channels took lead in reporting the tragedy;

(b) if so, whether Government have any inquiry into DD's laxity and callousness in reporting the worst human tragedy;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what action has been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) No Sir. Doordarshan News Channel and National Channel carried the item in its 0900 HRS bulletin.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Report of Study Group on Corporate Excellence

2444. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of LAW JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Study Group on Corporate Excellence set up under the Chairmanship of Shri P.L. Sangeev Reddy has submitted its report to Government;

(b) if so, the details of recommendations made by the said Group;